



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CONNECTOR PLUS (OAKVALE) PROPERTY SITE
Old Piedmont Highway south of I 85, Greenville, South Carolina**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract concerning the Connector Plus (Oakvale) Property Site. The contract, 08-5734NRP, will be between DHEC and the Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission.

If the contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the Sanitation Commission to buy the property as a “Brownfields Site”, which may have environmental pollution from former activities. The Sanitation Commission did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control the pollution in order to reuse the property.

The specific parcel being purchased by the Sanitation Commission consist of approximately 110 acres and includes portions of three parcels identified by Tax Map Serial Numbers WG10020100100, WG10020100103, and WG10050100100. The property is located between residential and commercial properties along Oakvale Road to the north, S. Old Piedmont Highway to the east, Sagitairus Way and Stables Roads to the south, and the Southern Connector Highway (I-185) to the west.

The property has not been previously developed. There are small areas that have been used by trespassers for open dumping of mainly household type trash. Limited environmental testing elsewhere on the property has found groundwater contamination that appears to come from adjacent properties.

The Greater Greenville Sanitation Commission intends to operate a regional composting facility on the property to produce landscaping mulch. Portions of the property may be used to grow crops for bio-diesel production and for soil enrichment.

Due to the environmental pollution, the Sanitation Commission wishes to enter into DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. In exchange for doing work under DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program, DHEC will not hold the Sanitation Commission responsible for the pre-existing pollution. If the Sanitation Commission completes all requirements of the contract, they will be protected under State laws from being responsible to anyone affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not remove any responsibility of the persons that allowed the contamination to occur.

Under the proposed contract, the Sanitation Commission will test samples of soil, groundwater, sediment, and surface water. If contamination is found, the Sanitation Commission may be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment based on the laboratory findings.

DHEC promotes redevelopment of Brownfields for beneficial reuse. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues to be in the

best interest of the state. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide email, telephone or written comments on the Connector Plus (Oakvale) Site proposed contract until May 7, 2008. Questions or comments may be directed to Craig Dukes Project Manger, email dukescv@dhec.sc.gov, TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to his attention at SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.